

MEMORANDUM

TO: North American Numbering Council (NANC) Members
NANC Working Group Members
All Other Interested Parties

FROM: John R. Hoffman
Chairman, North American Numbering Council



DATE: January 3, 2000

RE: NANC Seeks Public Input on Performance of the
North American Numbering Plan Administrator

Public Input Due: March 10, 2000

As you know, the North American Numbering Council (NANC) is a federal advisory committee that was established to advise the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) on policy matters relating to the administration of the North American Number Plan (NANP) in the United States. The NANC, by this memorandum, seeks input on the performance of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), Lockheed Martin IMS (Lockheed Martin). As of November 1999 the Lockheed Martin NANPA functions have been transferred to a newly formed entity known as NeuStar. NANC members, NANC Working Group members and all other interested parties may submit input in accordance with the procedures outlined below.

By way of background, the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) is the basic numbering scheme that permits interoperable telecommunication service within the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and most of the Caribbean. In an order released on July 13, 1995, the FCC established the NANC pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The FCC's order also directed the NANC to recommend to the Commission and to other member countries of the NANP an impartial NANP administrator to make telecommunications numbering available on an equitable basis.

On October 9, 1997, the FCC affirmed the NANC's selection of Lockheed Martin as the NANPA. The FCC also accepted the NANC's recommendation that the NANC monitor the performance of the NANPA on at least an annual basis.

The NANPA is required by statute, and by the FCC's rules to assign and administer NANP resources in an efficient, effective, fair, unbiased, and non-discriminatory manner.

Among many responsibilities, the NANPA must, for example:

- Ensure the efficient and effective administration and assignment of numbering resources by performing day-to-day number resource assignment and administrative activities;
- Plan for the long-term need for NANP resources by implementing a plan for number resource administration that uses effective forecasting and management skills in order to make the industry aware of the availability of numbering resources and to meet the current and future needs of the industry;
- Comply with guidelines of the North American Industry Numbering Committee (INC), Commission regulations and orders, and the guidelines of other appropriate policy-making authorities; and
- Review requests for all numbering resources to implement new applications and services and make assignments in accordance with industry-developed resource planning and assignment guidelines.

In performing its functions, the NANPA's responsibilities include, but are not limited to: (i) ensuring that the interests of all NANP member countries are considered; (ii) assessing fairly, requests for assignments of NANP numbering resources; and, (iii) ensuring the assignment of numbering resources to appropriate service providers.

Other responsibilities and obligations of the NANPA are set forth in Commission rules and orders, industry guidelines, and transition plans.

Request for Public Input

Lockheed Martin assumed the NANPA functions in February 1998 and has now performed as the NANPA for approximately two years. Accordingly, pursuant to the responsibility delegated to it by the Commission, the NANC has undertaken the required evaluation of Lockheed Martin's performance during the second year (1999). In addition to requiring Lockheed Martin to conduct a self-evaluation, the NANC also seeks input from the public. Public input will assist the NANC in ensuring that Lockheed Martin is fully performing its responsibility to "assign and administer numbering resources in an efficient, effective, fair, unbiased, and non-discriminatory manner consistent with industry-developed guidelines and Commission regulations."

To facilitate input from the public, the NANC has developed a Performance Feedback Survey that interested parties may complete.

An electronic copy of the Performance Feedback Survey may be obtained from the ATIS web site at: www.atis.org/atis/nanp/overdocs.htm. Copies also may be obtained from the NANC web sites at: www.fcc.gov and www.NANC-chair.org.

Finally, parties are encouraged to provide explanatory or other comments to the NANC concerning Lockheed Martin's/NeuStar's performance.

Completed surveys must be submitted, no later than March 10, 2000, addressed as follows:

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To enable the NANC to evaluate and/or verify input that is provided concerning Lockheed Martin's performance and, in turn, to ensure a fair and unbiased evaluation, evaluator(s) must provide name, company, phone and email (if applicable) information.

Thank you for your input.

Questions may be directed to the following NANPA Oversight Working Group Co-Chairs:
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